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SOUTH DAKOTA HOG INVENTORY UP 7 PERCENT

SIOUX FALLS, SD, December 23, 2015 -- **South Dakota inventory** of all hogs and pigs on December 1, 2015, was 1.36 million head, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. This was up 7 percent from December 1, 2014, and up 3 percent from September 1, 2015.

Breeding hog inventory, at 175,000 head, was up 9 percent from December 1, 2014, and up 3 percent from last quarter. **Market hog inventory**, at 1.19 million head, was up 7 percent from last year, and up 3 percent from last quarter.

The September – November 2015 South Dakota pig crop, at 966,000 head, was up 4 percent from 2014. Sows farrowed during the period totaled 89,000 head, up 3 percent from last year. The average pigs saved per litter was 10.85 for the September – November period, unchanged from last year.

South Dakota hog producers intend to farrow 87,000 sows during the December 2015 – February 2016 quarter, up 2 percent from the actual farrowings during the same period a year ago. Intended farrowings for March – May 2016 quarter are 87,000 sows, up 1 percent from the actual farrowings during the same period the previous year.

Access the National publication for this release at:

<http://usda.mannlib.cornell.edu/usda/nass/HogsPigs//2010s/2015/HogsPigs-12-23-2015.pdf>

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